

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

H.J.R. No. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 32 to read as follows:

Sec. 32. (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman.

(b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

SECTION 2. This state recognizes that through the designation of guardians, the appointment of agents, and the use of private contracts, persons may adequately and properly appoint guardians and arrange rights relating to hospital visitation, property, and the entitlement to proceeds of life insurance policies without the existence of any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

Passed by the House on April 25, 2005: Yeas 101, Nays 29, 8 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 21, 2005: Yeas 21, Nays 8.

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H.J.R. No. 54

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, construction, reconstruction, acquisition, improvement, rehabilitation, and expansion of certain rail facilities.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 49-o to read as follows:

Sec. 49-o. (a) In this section:

- (1) "Commission" means the Texas Transportation Commission or its successor.*
- (2) "Comptroller" means the comptroller of public accounts of the State of Texas.*
- (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation or its successor.*
- (4) "Fund" means the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund.*
- (5) "Improvement" includes construction, reconstruction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and expansion.*
- (6) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, and other public securities.*